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**BRASS KNOB MISSION 3131**  
**4 NOVEMBER 1962**



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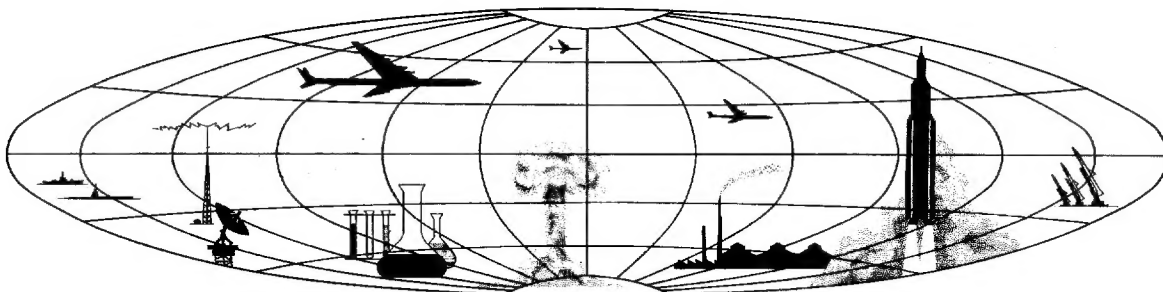


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### IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3131, DATED 4 NOVEMBER 1962 ---

#### -MISSILES-

CASILDA, MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA 2146N 07958W

A PARTIALLY WOODED AREA CONTAINING MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED 1.5 NM SSE OF TRINIDAD, AND 1.7 NM NNE OF CASILDA PORT AT 21-46-40N 079-58-40W.

THE AREA, THROUGH WHICH UNIMPROVED RANDOM ROADS RUN, CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS -- 4 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE ERECTORS WITH LAUNCH STANDS ON THEM, 12 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, ONE CHERRY PICKER, 16 FUEL-TANK TRAILERS, 2 OXIDIZER-TANK TRAILERS, 6 LARGE AND 4 SMALL TENTS, 6 UNOCCUPIED FIELD ARTILLERY POSITIONS, 3 SMALL AW POSITIONS AND PERSONNEL TRENCHES, 11 TRUCKS, 24 VANS, 8 GENERATORS/AIR COMPRESSORS, AND 23 UNIDENTIFIED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT DISPERSED UNDER TREES (ATTACHMENT 1).

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THE RANDOM ROAD PATTERN WAS IN EVIDENCE ON [REDACTED] HOWEVER, NO EQUIPMENT WAS VISIBLE ON THAT DATE.

[REDACTED]

LA SIERRA CRUISE MISSILE SITE 2156N 08019W

3.5 NM SW OF LA SIERRA.

A NEWLY IDENTIFIED CRUISE MISSILE SITE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED 3.5 NM SW OF LA SIERRA AT 21-56-48N 080-19-30W.

THE SITE APPEARS OPERATIONAL AND CONTAINS THE SAME ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS AS THOSE FOUND AT THE BANES SITE. THE SITE CONSISTS OF 2 UNREVIEWED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS WITH A CANVAS-COVERED TRANSPORTER IMMEDIATELY TO THE REAR OF EACH LAUNCHER (ATTACHMENT 2). EACH LAUNCHER HAS AN ASSOCIATED PROBABLE CONTROL POSITION CONNECTED BY CABLE. THE

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LAUNCHERS ARE LOCATED IN A SHALLOW DEPRESSION ABOUT 135 FT ABOVE SEA LEVEL AND ARE ORIENTED AT APPROXIMATELY 270 DEGREES. ALL FACILITIES ARE CONCEALED BY CANVAS OR NETTING. ON HIGH GROUND TO THE REAR ARE 2 UNIDENTIFIED RADARS CONNECTED BY CABLE TO THE CONTROL POSITION, A VERY TALL TRUCK-MOUNTED PROBABLE ANTENNA, A POSSIBLE CAMOUFLAGED GENERATOR, 2 NETTED VEHICLE REVETMENTS, ONE CONTAINING A VAN, AND 5 TENTS. APPROXIMATELY 900 FT WEST OF THE LAUNCHERS IS A SPARSELY WOODED AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST 4 PROBABLE ARCHED-ROOF CRATES, 3 TRUCKS, AND A TENT. SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED ITEMS ARE CONCEALED ALONG A TREE LINE NORTH OF THE SITE. A 3-GUN LIGHT AAA POSITION IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY.

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SIGUANEA CRUISE MISSILE SITE 2137N 08258W

SITE APPEARS OPERATIONAL. TWO LAUNCHERS ARE REVETTED. NO MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS. FIVE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS TO REAR. NUMEROUS TRUCKS/VEHICLES.

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SIGUANEA SAM SITE 2137N 08257W

SITE APPEARS TO BE OPERATIONAL. FOUR LAUNCHERS ARE REVETTED. ALL 6 LAUNCH POSITIONS ARE NETTED. THREE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS.

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MANZANILLO TO GUANTANAMO CITY HIGHWAY 2020N 07707W

NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED ON HIGHWAY FROM MANZANILLO WEST FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 NM. ONLY SMALL SEGMENTS OF HIGHWAY VISIBLE ALONG REMAINDER OF ROUTE.

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REMEDIOS TO SANTA CLARA HIGHWAY 2229N 07932W

25X1D NO MISSILES OR MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT OBSERVED  
ALONG HIGHWAY. SCATTERED CLOUDS AND OBLIQUITY  
PRECLUDE COMPLETE SEARCH.

[REDACTED]

SAGUA LA GRANDE TO CIENFUEGOS HIGHWAY 2243N 08004W

25X1D NO MISSILES OR MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.  
SCATTERED CLOUDS AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE COMPLETE  
SEARCH OF THE HIGHWAY.

[REDACTED]

SANTA CLARA TO HAVANA HIGHWAY 2224N 07958W

25X1D MUCH OF HIGHWAY COMPLETELY CLOUD COVERED. OBLIQUITY  
PRECLUDES IDENTIFICATION OF MISSILE EQUIPMENT  
ON VISIBLE PORTIONS OF HIGHWAY.

[REDACTED]

-AIRFIELDS-

COLONEL MARTIN MARRERRO AIRFIELD 2150N 08247W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- NONE VISIBLE. AIRFIELD PARTIALLY CLOUD  
COVERED. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES.

[REDACTED]

LOS CANOS AIRFIELD 2004N 07509W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- ONE LIAISON-TYPE ON TAXIWAY.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN RUNWAY OR  
FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED]

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MANZANILLO AIRFIELD 2019N 07708W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 PROBABLE LIAISON.  
RUNWAY BEING SURFACED. NO OTHER APPARENT  
CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED]

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SIGUANEA AIRFIELD 2138N 08257W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. RUNWAY SERVICEABLE.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED]

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-PORTS-

BARACOA PORT 2021N 07430W

VESSELS -- SEVERAL SMALL FISHING CRAFT.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED]  
NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY NOTED.

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CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AT QUAY AND ONE LARGE  
FREIGHTER ANCHORED JUST EAST OF HARBOR ENTRANCE.  
CARGO ON BOARD FREIGHTER AT QUAY INCLUDES 2 CANVAS-  
COVERED MISSILE TRAILERS, 2 UNIDENTIFIED CANVAS-  
COVERED VEHICLES, AT LEAST 2 VANS, A NUMBER OF  
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES ARE IN THE FORWARD HOLD OF THE  
SHIP. APPROXIMATELY 60 VEHICLES, 25 OF WHICH ARE  
TRUCKS/VANS, ARE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE QUAY.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN PORT FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED]

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CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- 3 FREIGHTERS TIED UP AT DOCKS, AND  
NUMEROUS SMALLER CRAFT.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

GUAYABAL PORT 2041N 07737W

VESSELS -- A FEW SMALL CRAFT SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE HARBOR.

NO DEFENSES, UNDERWATER OBSTACLES, MINES, NETS, OR CONCENTRATION OF EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JURAGUA PORT 2208N 08031W

VESSELS -- 3 OR 4 SMALL CRAFT SCATTERED THROUGHOUT HARBOR AREA.

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25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NUEVA GERONA NAVAL PORT 2153N 08248W

VESSELS -- ONE COASTAL PASSENGER VESSEL, ONE BARGE, SEVERAL FISHING CRAFT, AND NUMEROUS SMALL BOATS.

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25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE IN PORT FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED]  
NO CRATED CARGO NOTED ON WHARF.

[REDACTED]

-LANDING BEACHES-

PLAYA YATERITAS, LANDING BEACH 1958N 07457W

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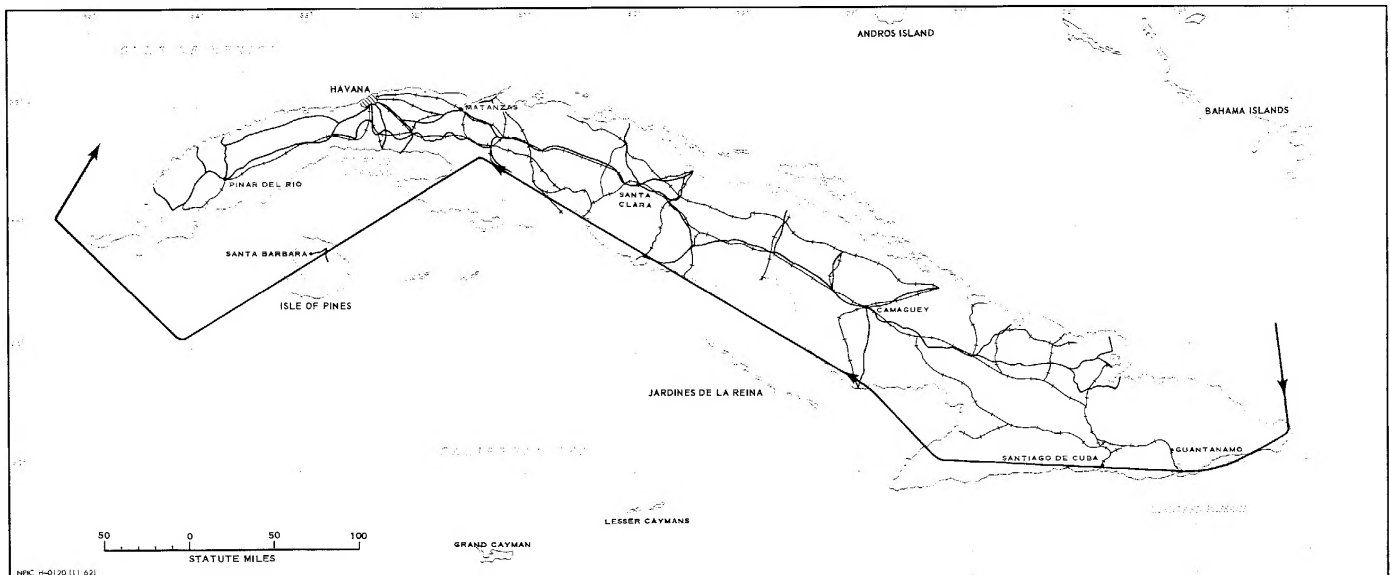
25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED]

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THERE ARE NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ITEMS TO REPORT.

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